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SUBJECT:

IRS WASHDC FOR DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS
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1. INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE OFFICIALS IN MEXICO HAVE INSTRUCTIONS TO INTERVIEW PEMEX OFFICIALS REGARDING TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING PURCHASES BY PEMEX IN 1973, 1974, AND 1975 OF OIL, GAS OR ANY OTHER DERIVATIVE, FROM U.S. COMPANIES AND OTHER RELATED COMPANIES. INFORMATION REQUESTED WOULD INVOLVE PAYMENTS OF FEES AND/OR COMMISSIONS BY U.S. COMPANIES TO INDIVIDUALS AND COMPANIES REGARDING THESE PURCHASES; WHO WAS INVOLVED IN ARRANGING THE PURCHASES; AND WHY THE COMPANY DID NOT DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THE COMPANY SELLING THE OIL.

2. EMBASSY NOTES THAT CORRUPTION IS A VERY SENSITIVE ISSUE IN MEXICO AND THAT THE HIGHLY VISIBLE PARASTATAL COMPANIES SUCH AS PEMEX ARE UNDER CONSTANT PUBLIC
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SCRUTINY. ANY UNEXPECTED HINT OF CORRUPTION AMONG PEMEX OFFICIALS WILL BE AN EMBARRASSMENT TO THE GOM, AND A LINKAGE OF PEMEX TO ILLEGAL PRACTICES OF A U.S. CONCERN MAY IMPACT ADVERSELY ON THE FUTURE OF THE DELICATE U.S./MEXICGUNATURAL GAS NEGOTIATIONS.

3. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT, AS IN THE PAST, ASSISTANCE, IN

SECURING THE INFORMATION, SHOULD BE OBTAINED FROM THE
MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL.

4. BECAUSE OF POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS IN MEXICO AND
POTENTIAL FOR SERIOUS DAMAGE TO U.S./MEXICAN RELATIONS
EMBASSY WOULD CONTACT ATTORNEY GENERAL ONLY UNDER DIRECT
INSTRUCTIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

5. PLEASE ADVISE. LUCEY

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